Emergency Response for Farm Equipment Accidents

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Program Description:
With technology of farming rapidly increasing, members of the Hartford County Farm Bureau set out to educate emergency responders across the state on how to best handle an emergency dealing with agricultural equipment. Several stations were set up with experienced mechanics to review balers, combines, tractors and power take-off drives.

While informing the emergency responders of the expansion of technology seen over the last 1015 years, Farm Bureau members felt it was also imperative for responders to know how to best protect themselves and the victim. Their goal was to develop the responders' knowledge base to apply to more advanced agricultural equipment.

This event was held at the John Deere dealership due to their extensive inventory of aged and new state of the art equipment. Hartford County Farm Bureau reached out to police, fire and ambulance personnel from within the state and across the border into the next state. To encourage attendance, some departments offered continuing education credits to their members.

The event was successful, with over 150 people in attendance. Many asked for a repeat of the program, and it opened the lines of communication with a multitude of fire departments, ambulance associations and police departments all over the state regarding the Farm Bureau and its purpose.